

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
EDD JOB SERVICE OFFICE MANAGERS
JTPD STAFF

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA RAPID RESPONSE STRATEGY ASSESSMENT

This information bulletin requests input from your Service Delivery Area (SDA) on California's Rapid Response strategy. This information will assist the State in the implementation of the Rapid Response provisions of the Workforce Investment Act.

California's Rapid Response strategy is defined as the State's decentralized approach to providing Rapid Response services. This approach consists of awarding funds on a yearly basis to each SDA for use in delivering Rapid Response services that respond to local plant closures and layoffs. Local offices of the Employment Development Department's (EDD) Job Service also are awarded Rapid Response funds, which must be used in coordination with the local SDA's efforts. The Program Management Section of EDD's Job Training Partnership Division is the State's Dislocated Workers Unit. It assists SDAs and Job Service offices in these efforts but does not independently provide Rapid Response services.

Please complete the following assessment and return it to: Roger Schmitt, Southern Unit Manager, Program Management Section, Job Training Partnership Division, P.O. Box 826880, MIC 69-1, Sacramento, California 94280-0001, or by fax at (916) 653-2467 by June 15, 1999. Please add separate pages as needed.

If you have questions, please contact Roger Schmitt of the Program Management Section at (916) 653-4803 or Karl Jaensch, also of the Program Management Section, at (916) 654-8447.

/S/ BILL BURKE
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Attachment

CALIFORNIA RAPID RESPONSE STRATEGY ASSESSMENT

NAME OF SERVICE DELIVERY AREA: _____

NAME OF RESPONDENT: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

1. Has California's Rapid Response strategy been effective in promptly addressing the initial information and other needs of laid-off workers in your area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If so, state what provisions are helpful in delivering Rapid Response services:

3. If not, state what barriers have impeded this in your area:

4. List recommendations for overcoming the barriers you have identified in response to Question 3:

5. State your overall preference for future Rapid Response service delivery in California (check one and add information when appropriate):

☐ a. Continue California's Rapid Response strategy under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

☐ b. Continue California's Rapid Response strategy under WIA but make the following change(s):

☐ c. Designate a centralized state-level Dislocated Workers Unit responsible for all Rapid Response functions statewide. Explain rationale:

☐ d. Other, as follows:
